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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OCON XA
SUBJECT: AF CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 213365

1. MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND AF CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE TO WHICH YOU SO KINDLY INVITE ME, I REALLY QUESTION THAT I HAVE ENOUGH TO CONTRIBUTE TO WARRANT BEING AWAY FROM CAIRO AT WHAT COULD BE A RATHER CRITICAL PERIOD HERE.

2. FOLLOWING THE UPCOMING CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, I HAVE A HUNCH THAT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER MAY BE DIFFICULT. THE QUESTION OF UNEF RENEWAL WILL COME UP AND WILL BE WEIGHED BY THE EGYPTIANS IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESULTS AT CAMP DAVID. I SUSPECT THAT I AM LIKELY TO BE ENGAGED IN A GREAT DEAL OF RUNNING AROUND AND HAND-HOLDING. GIVEN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH SADAT, I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET TO HIM AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS AS QUICKLY AS MAY BE NEEDED.

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3. I RECOGNIZE THAT EGYPT HAS DEEP INTERESTS IN AND CONCERNS WITH AFRICA, MAINLY POLITICAL. I WOULD THINK, HOWEVER, THAT EITHER THE EGYPT COUNTRY DIRECTOR OR ONE OF THE NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES COULD PROVIDE THE CONFEREES WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS I WOULD BE ABLE TO DO. IF YOU CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL, I COULD SEND DCM

OR ONE OF MY COUNSELORS TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT MAY
ARISE ON EGYPTIAN POSITIONS.

4. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL UNDER-
STAND WHY I THINK IT BEST TO DECLINE THE INVITATION.
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